

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IF YOU ARE A SMALL BUSINESS AND WISH TO COMMENT ON THE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES OF NOAA

In accordance with the provisions of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, the Small Business Administration has established a National Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Ombudsman and ten Regional Small Business Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. The Ombudsman annually evaluates enforcement activities and rates each agency's responsiveness to small businesses.

If a small business wishes to comment on the enforcement actions of NOAA, it may call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247), visit <http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman>, or write to Ombudsman at 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1240, Chicago, Illinois 60661.

The right to file a comments with the Ombudsman is in addition to any rights a small business may have, including the right to contest the assessment of a civil monetary penalty or permit sanction. Filing a comment with the Ombudsman neither takes the place of filing a request for an administrative hearing contesting the assessment of a penalty or permit sanction, as required by 15 C.F.R. Part 904, nor extends the maximum time period for requesting such a hearing.

